

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2009. Claim 19-34 are cancelled. Claims 1-18 and 35-54 remain pending in view of the above amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

The Office Action rejected claim(s) 19-29 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by GB Patent No. 708,342 (*Wienand*). The Office Action rejected claims 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wienand* over U.S. Patent No. 6,047,751 (*An*).

Because claims 19-24 have been cancelled, the rejection under §§ 102 and 103 are moot and the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowed Subject Matter.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful review and allowance of claims 1-18 and 35-54. Applicants submit the following comments concerning the Examiner's statements of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention of claims 11-20 is patentable over the prior art, but respectfully disagrees with the Examiners statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in Office Action. Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable. Therefore, Applicants do not concede that the reasons for allowable subject matter given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make, or would make, the claims allowable and do not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney. In view of the recent USPTO initiative regarding compact prosecution, Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience in the instance that additional impediment exists to the prompt allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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